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WHEREAS; the Capitol building, designed by George B. Post & Sons, was completed in 1917 while overseen by Building Commission Secretary and supervising architect Lew Porter at a cost of \$7.2 million and is more than 284 feet tall from the ground floor to the top of the "Wisconsin" statue on the dome; and

WHEREAS; the building, the third to serve as the State Capitol since Wisconsin was granted statehood in 1848, is constructed with 43 types of stone from six countries and eight states; and

WHEREAS; the dedication of the Capitol was deferred due to World War I and was later dedicated in 1965 by Governor Warren P. Knowles; and

WHEREAS; each of the four wings of the Capitol houses the branches of state government – the Executive Branch, the Judicial Branch, and the Legislative Branch, including both the State Senate and the State Assembly, and most State Constitutional Officers; and

WHEREAS; the lavish mural "Resources of Wisconsin" decorates the interior dome of the rotunda and the dome is topped by Daniel Chester French's gilded bronze statue "Wisconsin;" and

WHEREAS; from 1988 to 2001, the Capitol underwent a renovation and restoration project which included replacing gold leaf, cleaning marble surfaces and murals, uncovering skylights, cleaning and repairing the exterior granite, and rebuilding legislative offices as two-room suites; and

WHEREAS; the beauty and grandeur of the Capitol, designated a National Historic Landmark in 2001, can be widely seen throughout Madison and hosts thousands of visitors from around the world each year; and

WHEREAS; on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, we begin a year-long celebration of our unique State Capitol building which has the only granite dome in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the constitutional officers of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 31, 2017 as the

STATE CAPITOL 100th ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and we commend this observance to all of our citizens.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers